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PRICE, \$2 PER MONTH.

Banks.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sum less than \$1, or more than \$250, at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent, per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent, per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence to the business of the Bank if marked *On Hongkong Savings' Bank* is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, June 7, 1886. 754

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000
Reserve Fund.....\$4,500,000
Reserve for Equalization.....\$ 200,000
of Dividends.....\$7,500,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors.....\$7,500,000

Court of Directors.

Chairman—A. M. MOYER, Esq.

Deputy Chairman—M. GEOTE, Esq.

Hon. J. BELL IRVING, Esq.

C. D. BOTTOMLEY, Esq.

W. H. F. DARBY, Esq.,
Hon. A. P. MC EWEN,
Esq.

Hon. F. D. SASSEON,
Esq.

Chief Manager—THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.

Acting Chief Manager—JOHN WALTER, Esq.

Manager—Shanghai, EVERETT CAMERON, Esq.

BANKERS—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

Interest ALLOWED.

(On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 3 per cent, per annum on the daily balance.)

On Fixed Deposits—

For 3 months, 3 per cent, per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. "

" 12 " 5 per cent. "

Local Bills Discounted.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 28, 1886. 947

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

We have authorized Mr. ED. MILLER to sign Bills of Lading in our Name from this date.

SIEMSSSEN & Co.

Hongkong, November 29, 1886. 2274

NOTICE.

DR. R. H. KIMBALL will TAKE CHARGE of my DENTAL PRACTICE in Hongkong until further Notice.

H. H. WINN.

16, BANK BUILDINGS, Hongkong, December 20, 1886. 2420

Intimations.

GRIFFITH'S NEW VIEWS OF HONGKONG ARE NOW READY, 1, DUDDELL STREET.

GRIFFITH & Co., MANUFACTURERS OF THE LONDON CERATED WATERS, 1, DUDDELL STREET, Continue to Supply:

Soda WATER, LEMONADE,

TORTO " GINGERADE,

SUZETTE " RASPBERRYADE,

SASSAPARILLA " etc., &c., &c.

At the same Moderate Charges.

HONGKONG, JUNE 9, 1885. 957

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 22nd Inst. until the 7th Proximo, both days inclusive.

F. W. CROSS,
Manager.

Hongkong, December 17, 1886. 2393

WASHING BOOKS.

In English and Chinese.

WASHINGMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, can now be had at this Office—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

IN consequence of MONDAY, the 27th Instant, being a HOLIDAY, applications for the DEBENTURE BONDS of the HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, will be RECEIVED until 4 P.M. on TUESDAY, the 28th Instant.

By Order,
LOUIS HAUSCHILD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 23, 1886. 2443

TENDERS are INVITED for the SUPPLY of One JUNK with STEAM PROPELLOR for Navigation on the Upper Red River, Tonkin.

The proposed contract with descriptions, specification, etc., etc., and also a model of the Junk are kept at the FRENCH CONSULATE, where further Particulars can be obtained by parties wishing to tender.

J. RIGAREAU,
Acting Consul for France.

December 15th, 1886. 2384

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

IN accordance with the Section 120 of the Articles of Association, the General Agents, with Approval of the Consulting Committee, will on the 1st JANUARY, 1887, ISSUE INTEREST WARRANTS of \$5 per SHARE, PAYABLE at the HONGKONG and SHANGHAI BANK, the same being at the Rate of 10 PER CENT, per ANNUM on the Paid-up Capital of the Office for the year 1886, and Notice is hereby given that in Order that the same may be adjusted, the Transfer BOOKS of the Office will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 31st Instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents, CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED, Hongkong, December 15, 1886. 2386

DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP.
MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG,
Surgeon Dentist,
(Formerly APPRENTICE and LAT-
TERLY ASSISTANT to Dr. ROGERS.)

A T the urgent request of his European
and American patients and friends,
has TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly oc-
cupied by Dr. ROGERS,

No. 2, DUDDELL STREET.

CONSULTATION FREE.

Discount to missionaries and families.

Sole Address
2, DUDDELL STREET,
(Next to the New Oriental Bank.)

Hongkong, January 12, 1886. 66

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF, GODOWN AND CARGO-BOAT COMPANY.

THE Company will receive STEAMERS and SAILING VESSELS alongside their Wharves at Kowloon, and Land, Re-ship, and/or Store GENERAL CARGOS, SILK, OPIUM, COTTON, GRAIN or MERCHANDISE in First-Class Granite Godowns at Cheap Rates. Also COALS in specially constructed Sheds.

For the convenience of Caravans and Storers the Company's Launch HONGKONG will convey to and fro those interested Fuzes or CHAUKE, starting from the Pedder's Wharf every hour from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., and from the Wharf at Kowloon at the half-hour.

For further Particulars, apply to
W. KERFOOT HUGHES,
Agent,
Pedder's Street.

Hongkong, February 17, 1886. 331

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS and ENGINEERS are respectfully informed that, upon their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of the Company's FOREMEN should be at hand, Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the HEAD OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found necessary, Communication with the Undersigned is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 25, 1885. 1458

CHRISTMAS 1886.

THE Undersigned is now prepared to SUPPLY CHRISTMAS OAKES of the Best Quality weighing from 10 to 100 lbs ready on hand, and also MINCE PIES, ASSORTED CAKES, &c., &c.

D. NOWROOZEE.

Hongkong, December 21, 1886. 2431

KUHN & Co.'s

JAPANESE ART TREASURES will shortly be

E. X. H. I. B. I. T. E. D.

in Hongkong at the

N. E. W. P. R. E. M. I. S. S.

IN BANK BUILDINGS, opposite the HONGKONG HOTEL.

Hongkong, December 14, 1886. 2375

NOW READY.

THE REVENUE OF CHINA.

A SERIES OF ARTICLES, Reprinted from "The China Mail."

WITH AN APPENDIX.

THIS PAMPHLET is Now Ready,

and may be had at the

OFFICE OF THIS PAPER,

Messrs. LAND, CRAWFORD & Co.,

Messrs. KELLY & WALSH,

And Mr. W. BREWER.

Price,

50 CENTS.

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(In English and Chinese.)

WASHINGMAN'S BOOKS, for the use

of Ladies and Gentlemen, can now

be had at this Office—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

Price,

50 CENTS.

Business Notices.

Christmas Cheer!!

SAN FRANCISCO RECORD & CO.

HAVE RECEIVED A NEW STOCK OF

OILMAN'S STORES

AND—

HOUSEHOLD GROCERIES,

including the following

SEASONABLE DELICACIES:

SOUPS—Real Turtle, Mulligatawny, Ox-tail, Giblet, Clam Chowder, Soup and Bouilli, Hotch Potch, &c., &c.

FISH—Sardines in Oil, Citron, Tomatoes, and Butter; Whitebait, Trout, Anchovies, Tunny Fish, Oysters, Tuna-fish, Macassar Red Fish, Herring and Mackerel au Vin Blanc, Pilchards, Salmon Cutlets, Salmon, Kippers, &c., &c.

PATENT PRESERVED—

GAME AND PATTIES—Pigeon of Game, Boar's Head, Wild Duck, Pâté de Foie Gras, assorted Game and English Patties, Rabbit and Quibous, French Pâtés, Goose, Truffled Chicken in Jelly, &c.

MEATS—Sausages, Bacon, Sausages, Pâté, Corned

THE CHINA MAIL.

No. 7293.—DECEMBER 27, 1861.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

For *Telmacus*, from Liverpool, &c., Miss Lee, and 50 Chinese for Hongkong; Mrs Macfarlane, and 4 children, Miss Brunton, and Miss Hardinge, for Shanghai.

For *Amarone*, from Shanghai: for Hongkong, Messrs J. Morrison, Caborn, and Passantino, and 58 Chinese; for Marseilles, Mr Playfair (British Consul), and Mrs Playfair, Bishop, Rouyer, and P. Heyraud, Mr Favre, Capt. Ch. Bruce, and Mr. G. Gilroy.

For *Monzal*, for Hongkong: from Yokohama, 3 Chinese; from Kobe, Mr Horace Davies, Mrs Tokichi, and 2 Chinese.

For *Yung-ta*, for Hongkong: from Manila, Mr O. D. Bottomley, Mrs Sharp, Mr and Mrs Poolester, and 3 children, and servant, 2 Steamer Captain and Mrs de la Roza, and 2 children, Mr and Mrs Silvano and child, Mr. Mc Clamming, Dejardin, Mrs Dejardin and child, from Port Said, Mr All Saint; from Colombo, Messrs McIntyre, and Gibson, Starling, J. Andrew, and Mr Poosnoker's, amah; from Saigon, Fathers Abenon and Balanche, and 51 Chinese. For Shanghai: from Marseilles, Mr and Mrs Tudor Davies; Messrs R. Mayes, and Drundon Hay, 2 Fathers, 4 Sisters, Mr and Mrs Swenson, and 3 children and servant, Mr Ruegg, and Mr. Tournai. For *Hio-ko*: from Marseilles, Messrs Eliot Wal and Bush.

For *Fornors*, from Taiwanfoo and Amoy, 4 Chinese.

For *Priam*, from London and Singapore, Mr Smith and 24 Chinese.

For *Actis*, from Haiphong and Hoitow, 22 Chinese.

For *Bantam*, from Amoy, one European and 15 Chinese.

For *Olympia*, from Bangkok, 12 Chinese.

For *Dentor*, from Saigon, 14 Chinese.

For *Monzal*, from Yokohama, 5 Chinese.

For *Amarone*, from Shanghai, 53 Chinese.

For *Marie*, from Haiphong, 47 Chinese.

For *Haiphong*, from Canton, Poos, Messrs Muir, Myburgh, Layton, Viana, Pasco, Capt. F. Ashton, and Mrs Manson, and 90 Chinese.

For *Telet*, from Saigon, 66 Chinese.

For *Fordora*, from Trieste and Singapo, 6 European and 500 Chinese.

DOCKS.

The American ship *Oregon* reports:—Strong gales and N.W. sea.

The British steamer *Haiphong* reports:—From Foochow had strong N.E. gale and high sea. From Amoy to Hongkong, fresh winds and fine weather.

The British steamer *Formentor* reports:—Left Taiwanoo at the 23rd Dec. Vessel in port: barque *Le Patis*. Had a strong N.N.E. gale and heavy sea, crossing the channel and arrived in Amoy, on the 24th December. Left Amoy on the 24th at 4 p.m. Vessels in port: H.M.S. *Sappho*, str. *Chintung*, *Nanmoo* and *Euphrates*. Had moderate N.E. wind throughout the passage. Arrived in Hongkong on the 25th Dec. at 3 p.m.

The British steamer *Priam* reports:—Strong winds with heavy squalls and high confused sea all the passage.

The Danish steamer *Activ* reports:—had fresh monsoon and clear weather.

The Dutch steamer *Bantam* reports:—Strong N.E. and E.N.E. winds a clear sky, and calm sea.

The German steamer *Amoy* reports:—Left Saigon on the 16th, at 2 p.m., had moderate northerly winds to Saigon river. Then a strong N.E. winds, increasing near Paduan, barometer gradually falling from 29.92 to 29.57. The 21st, noon, it fell from 12 to 1 o'clock from 29.57 to 29.42, a very strong gale blowing and wind hurling from N.E. gradually to W. S., with a tremendous sea from various directions. We supposed we had met a typhoon passing to the northward of us. From 3 o'clock 21/12 the bar. rose gradually again and wind moderated till 25/12, when we had steady monsoon. The sea did considerable damage to the docks and ship.

The German steamer *Dentor*, from Saigon reports:—From the 20th to the 23rd, strong N. Westerly gale and very high sea; thence to port fresh N.E. monsoon.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close TO-DAY AS USUALLY:

For AMOY & TAIWANFOO.—
For HAIKONG.—
For AMOY & SHANGHAI.—
For Priam at 5 p.m.

MAILED will close:

For HOIHOW & BANGKOK.—
For Kong Beng, at 8.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the 26th inst.

For AMOY & TAIWANFOO.—
For *Formentor*, at 2.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 26th inst.

For SWATOW & BA GOK.—
For *Phra Chula Chom Klao*, at 10.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the 26th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.—
For *Baikong*, at 5 p.m., on Tuesday, the 26th inst.

For SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.—
For Cairns, at 5 p.m., on Thursday, the 3d inst.

For NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.—
For *Thibet*, at 5 p.m., on Thursday, the 6th January.

MAILED BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—
The French Contract Packet *Amazon* will be closed on TUESDAY, the 26th instant, at 10 a.m. Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe, and places beyond Europe; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, the Australian Colonies, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Aden, Mauritius, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

NOTES OF CLOSING.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The following hours are observed in closing Mails, &c., by the French Contract Packet:—

Day before departure.—
5 P.M.—Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes, except the Night Box, which is always open out of Office hours.

Day of departure.—
7 A.M.—Post Office opens.

10 A.M.—Registry of Letters, packages, Postage of all printed matter and patterned cases.

11 A.M.—Letters closed, except for Late Letters.

11.10 A.M.—Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 10 cents until

11.30 A.M.—When the Post Office closes entirely.

11.40 A.M.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 10 cents until time of departure.

NOT Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

APOLLO, German brig, Captain John Focke.—S. Hellhass & Co.

ARLIE, British 3-masted schooner, Capt. B. Bright.—Master.

ELSE, German brig, Capt. E. Schwartz-Wieder & Co.

ENOS SOULE, American ship, Capt. J. T. Soule.—Master.

FRED. P. LITCHFIELD, American brig, Capt. O. Young.—Gonsalves & Co.

HAROLDING, Amer. 4-m. schooner, Capt. S. R. Tibbets.—Russell & Co.

HILDA, British schooner, Capt. O. Olin.—Captain.

INOLESH, British brigantine, Capt. James Hayes.—Master.

JOHN TRAMEY, British ship, Capt. Thos. Ryen.—Messengers Maritimes.

SARAH HIGGITT, American ship, Capt. A. Morgan.—Ed: Schellhas & Co.

TITAN, American ship, Captain C. H. Allyn.—W. Legge.

VENTURA, Spanish barque, Captain R. Estival.—Romedies & Co.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Daylight.—Priam leaves for Shai, &c.

Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

3 p.m.—Formentor leaves for Amoy, &c.

Miscellaneous.

Applications for Mortgage Debentures of The Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd., received until 4 p.m.

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, December 29.—

9 p.m.—Meeting of Zetland Lodge.

THURSDAY, December 30.—

11 a.m.—Auction of Sundries at H.K. Landry Co.'s premises, Bowrington, 9 p.m.—A. D. C. Performance at City Hall.

FRIDAY, December 31.—

2 p.m.—Auction of Japanese Ware, &c., at Mr. J. M. Armstrong's.

Applications for Shares of The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., received until this date.

Goods per Order undelivered after this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, (New Year's Day), 1862:—

Insurance Office close.

Issue Interest Warrants of \$5 per Share of Canton Ins. Office, Ltd., payable at H.K. & Shai Bank.

MONDAY, January 3.—

Goods per Steamer Yangtsé unclaimed after Noon subject to rent.

TUESDAY, January 4:—

Noon.—Auction of British S.S. Partridge on Board.

A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.,

ARE NOW SHOWING

THEIR SEASON'S SUPPLY

OF

XMAS CONFECTIONERY

—AND—

FANCY GOODS.

Also,

A Small Assortment of the Latest

CHRISTMAS CARDS.

NEW PARFUMS, NEW CHOCOLATES,

CUT GLASS BOTTLES,

GLOVE AND HANDKERCHIEF BOXES,

BASKETS OF CONFECTIONERY,

CRYSTALLIZED FRUITS,

CRACKERS,

&c., &c., &c.

A. S. Watson & Co., Limited,

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, December 23, 1861.

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The publication of this issue commenced at 1.35 p.m.

DEATH.

At 8, Nanking Road, Shanghai, on the 21st December, 1861, THOMAS RUSSELL, Manager of the Marine Engineers Institute, aged 39 years.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1861.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PASSED SUZ CANAL.

OUTWARD BOUND.—Deepdale, Oct. 26; Vespa, 26; Bengal, Bereng, Cassandria, Westmuth, 30; Japan, Glen-

gle, Dec. 7; Cardigan, Devastation, 14; Cyclops, Dardens, Albany, Moeser, 17; Bellona, 21.

HOMeward Bound.—Port Adelaide, No-

vember 23; Harter, 30; Benares,

Zezar, Antonio, Dec. 3; Agamemnon,

Glaucus, 7; Diamond, 14; Esperia,

Orion, 17; Bellophon, 21.

The British steamer *Teriot*, from Saigon, reports:—Left that port on the 13th instant and experienced most severe weather throughout the entire passage. The 26th was the only fair weather day. On the 21st and 22nd, experienced terrific gales, washing a quantity of deck passenger's luggage, cargo and gear overboard.

The French have retained possession of Mong-kai and Hai-nin, the pirates having retreated into Chinese territory. The design of China, the French say, was to capture the territory of Cape Paklung, which the Chinese thought they had better get possession of before the delimitation of the frontier began. It is said that the chief of the pirate band that captured Hai-nin offered the head of M. Haïtze to the Chinese mandarin, Wong, Tao Tsai, but that the latter refused it and that thereupon the head was exposed on the top of a pike at the entrance to Mong-kai. A large French force under the command of General Menier is now at Ha-ko, whether Mr. Rechor, Director of Customs, has gone.

A novel feature in the Christmas holidays at Shanghai was to be the ascent of a large balloon in the Grand Stand. Subscription lists were lying upon the Chinaman's and Hotels there, and if sufficiently encouraged, Mr. Sisco, the aeronaut, will ascend on another balloon at the Chinese New Year and will return safe and sound.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Patricia*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 20th inst., and may be expected here on or before the 26th instant.

The Austr.-Imperial Lloyd S. N. Co.'s steamer *Pandora*, from Trieste, left Singapore on the 13th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 26th instant.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Patricia*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 21st inst., and may be expected here on or about the 26th inst.

The Union Line steamer *Tarlos*, left Singapore on the 20

THE CHINA REVIEW.

PUBLISHED BI-MONTHLY,

TENTH YEAR.

THIS Review, which was intended to meet

the wants of many students of Chinese

caused by the discontinuance of "Notes and

Querries on China and Japan," has reached its

Fourteenth Volume. The Author discusses

those topics which are upmost in the

minds of students of the "Far East" and

about which every intelligent person is

interested with China or Japan in various

acquiring the worthiest information. It in-

cludes many interesting Notes and original

Papers on the Arts, Sciences, Ethnology,

Philosophy, Geography, History, Literature,

Mythology, Natural History, Antiquities,

and Such Manners and Customs, etc., etc.,

of China, Japan, Mongolia, Tibet, and the

Far East generally. Recently a new do-

parium has been taken, and the Review now

gives papers on Trade, Commerce, and

Descriptive notes of Travel by well-known

writers. It was thought that by extending

the scope of the Review in this direction,

the Magazine would be more generally used.

The Review department receives special

attention, and endeavours are made to

present a careful and concise record of

Literature on China etc., and to give

critiques embodying sketches of the most

recent works on such topics. Authors and

Publishers are requested to forward works

to "Editor, China Review," care of China

Mail Office.

The Notes and Queries are still continued

and form an important means of obtaining

and diffusing among students knowl-

edge on obscure points.

The Correspondent's column also affords

further and greater facilities for the inter-

change of views and discussion of various

topics.

Original contributions in Chinese, Latin,

or any of the Modern Languages are re-

ceived. The papers are contributed by the

members of the various Consular, the Im-

perial Chinese, and Hongkong Services,

and also by the Missionary bodies amongst

whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship

is usually cultivated. Amongst the

regular contributors are Drs. Chalmers,

Edel, Breitfelder, and Hirth, Professor

Legge, and Messrs. Balfour, Watters, Stott,

Philippe, Mueltry, Great, Jamison,

Fabre, Kopsch, Parker, Playfair, Gilks,

Piton, and Taylor—all well-known names,

indicative of sound scholarship and thorough

mastery of their subject.

The Subscription is fixed at \$6.50 per

annum, postage included—payable in ad-

vance.

Orders for binding volumes will be

promptly attended to; Address, "Man-

ager, China Mail Office."

OPINION OF THE PRESS.

'All our learned societies should subscribe to this scholarly and enterprising Review.'—*North-China Advocate* (U.S.)'The China Review' * * * has an excellent column of contents.—*Celestial Empire*.The Publication always contains subjects of interest to sojourners in the Far East and the present issue will hold favourable if not advantageous comparison, with preceding numbers.—*Celestial Empire*.This number contains several articles of interest and value.—*North-China Herald*.

'The China Review' for September-Octobor fully maintains the high standard of excellence which characterizes that publication, and altogether forms a very interesting and readable number. Its treatise will be an interesting and valuable contribution by Dr. Erichsen on the Amount of Instruction (Paid and Unpaid) of Peking, showing the results of observations made at the Imperial Russian Observatory at Peking from 1841 to 1890.

'Notes on the Dutch Occupation of Formosa,' by Mr. G. Phillips, contains some interesting information, although much of it is second-hand. The Notes of New Books include a most generous and appropriate review of 'The Divine Classic of Nan-hsin' and the Notes and Queries are as usual very interesting.—*North-China Daily News*.'A substantial and reliable Review which all students of China and the Chinese would do well to patronize.'—*Chrysanthemum*.'The November-December number of the China Review contains less variety than usual, but the few articles are very interesting. The opening paper by Mr. Herbert A. Giles on 'The New Testament in Chinese' treats of a question that must necessarily be of great importance in the eyes of all missionaries. . . . Mr. E. H. Parker's 'Short Journeys in Szechuan' are continued, and a goodly instalment of those travels in the interior of China is given. Mr. F. H. Balfour contributes a paper of some length entitled 'The Emperor Cheng, founder of the Chinese Empire,' which will be read with genuine interest by students of Chinese history. A few other notes of Note, Books and a number of Notes and Queries, one of which 'On Chinese Ortho in Western Burma and Java' is very appropriately have been placed under a separate heading, complete the number.'—*H.K. Daily Press*.

'Trubne's Oriental Record' contains the following notice of the China Review:—

'The present publication, judging by the number now before us, is intended to occupy a position, as regards China and the neighbouring countries, some what similar to that which has been filled in India by the *Calcutta Review*. The great degree of attention that has been bestowed of late years upon the investigation of Chinese literature, antiquities, and social developments to say nothing of linguistic studies, has led to the accumulation of important stores of information, rendering some such channel of publicity as is now provided extremely desirable; and contributions of much interest may fairly be looked for from the members of the foreign consular services, the Chinese Customs' corps, and the missionary body, among whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is now asiduously cultivated and who are severally represented in the first number of the Review by papers highly creditable to their respective authors.'

Some translations from Chinese novels and plays are marked by both accuracy and freedom of style; and an account of the career of the Chinese self-styled emperors of the eleventh century, Siu Tung-pi, by Mr. E. C. Bowra, is not without merit, although not as well distinguished by the literary grace.

Notes of news items from China and the East, which will be a useful feature.

Dangerous or perishable goods, articles likely to injure the Maids. Liquids (unless securely packed) or parcels easily crushed, such as band-boxes, are prohibited.

Parcels must be posted in Hongkong before 3 p.m. on the day before the departure of the Mail. Those arriving from the Coast, &c., after this hour are kept for the following P. & O. Mail.

The Postage is 25 cents per lb., which includes Registration fee, and must be prepaid in stamps. No further charge is made in the United Kingdom except for Customs dues. No parcel must be more than 3 feet 6 inches in length, or 6 feet in greatest length and girth combined. A receipt is given for each Parcel.

The sender must fill up a form of Customs Declaration, which can be obtained free at each Post Office. No parcel can be accepted till this is completely and accurately filled. The only articles ordinarily sent from China which are liable to duty are Tea, Tobacco, and Gold and Silver plate.

Dangerous or perishable goods, articles likely to injure the Maids. Liquids (unless securely packed) or parcels easily crushed, such as band-boxes, are prohibited.

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With regard to inward Parcels, addressees are requested to observe that they will not, for the present, be dealt with at sea, nor will the Parcel Mail be opened until the ordinary distribution of letters, &c., is finished. The postage on Parcels at home is 16d. per lb., the Regulations are generally similar to the above, and the Parcels will be sent out via Gibraltar.

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